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### EARLY EDUCATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* On Wednesday, April 20, 2005, Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development held a hearing to examine the Federal role to improve the effectiveness and coordination of early childhood education programs, including the Head Start program, the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), and increasing food security and reducing hunger, receiving testimony from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Children and Families; Raymond Simon, Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education; and Kate Coler, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

### SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine easing costs and expanding access relating to small businesses and health insurance, focusing on S. 406, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 to improve access and choice for entrepreneurs with small businesses with respect to medical care for their employees, after receiving testimony from Sandy Praeger, Commissioner of Insurance, Topeka, Kansas, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Mitchell

Blake, Ward & Blake Architects, Jackson, Wyoming, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Joseph E. Rossmann, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Association Health Plan Coalition; Karen Ignagni, America's Health Insurance Plans, Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 378, to make it a criminal act to willfully use a weapon with the intent to cause death or serious bodily injury to any person while on board a passenger vessel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 629, to amend chapter 97 of title 18, United States Code, relating to protecting against attacks on railroads and other mass transportation systems, with an amendment;

S. 339, to reaffirm the authority of States to regulate certain hunting and fishing activities; and

The nominations of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and Janice R. Brown, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 64 public bills, H.R. 1748–1811; and; 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 43; H. Con. Res. 137–138, and H. Res. 224–231 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 741, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for judicial deference to conclusions of law determined by the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission with respect to an order issued by the Commission, amended (H. Rept. 109–50);

H.R. 748, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent the transportation of minors in circumvention of certain laws relating to abortion, amended (H. Rept. 109–51);

H. Res. 22, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American small businesses are entitled to a Small Business Bill of Rights, amended (H. Rept. 109–52).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Michigan to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Bishop Vicken Aykazian, The Armenian Catholic Church of America in Washington D.C.

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**Energy Policy Act of 2005:** The House passed H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, by a recorded vote of 249 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 132. **Pages H2399–H2450**

Agreed by unanimous consent that debate on the Capps motion to strike be limited to 30 minutes.

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Agreed to:

Ford amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that authorizes the EPA to establish a program to encourage the domestic production of hybrid and advanced diesel vehicles; **Pages H2401–02**

Kucinich amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 109–49), as modified, that increases the number of project grants to local governments under the pilot program for the Department of Energy's Clean Cities program, and reduces the maximum dollar amount of grants; **Pages H2402–03**

Millender-McDonald amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that establishes a Diesel Truck Retrofit and Fleet Modernization Program;

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Blumenauer amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that establishes a Conserve by Bicycling pilot program within the Department of Transportation; **Pages H2404–06**

Jackson-Lee amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that earmarks \$5 million annually for bioenergy training and education targeted to minority and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers;

**Pages H2406–07**

Tom Davis of Virginia amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that strikes the provision that would create two new, Senate-confirmed, assistant secretary positions in the Energy Department (agreed to extend the time for debate);

**Pages H2407–09**

Walsh amendment (No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that establishes an annual award for organizations that have advanced the field of renewable energy technology; **Pages H2409–10**

Engel amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that makes producers of "approved renewable fuels" eligible for grants to build production facilities for renewable fuels (by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 125);

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Israel amendment (No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that requires the Comptroller General of the U.S. to conduct a study on the impact of the consolidation of gasoline wholesales on the gasoline retail market (by a recorded vote of 302 ayes to 128 noes, Roll No. 126); **Pages H2412–13, H2414–15**

Holt amendment (No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that requires the Secretary of Energy, within two years of enactment, to report to Congress on

potential fuel savings from information technology systems designed to help businesses and consumers to plan their travel and avoid delays; **Page H2416**

Inslee amendment (No. 28 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that reduces by 50% any royalty payments for wind energy generation on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management; and **Pages H2427–28**

Kucinich amendment (No. 25 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that authorizes a National Academy of Sciences study on the feasibility of mustard seed as a feedstock for biodiesel (by a recorded vote of 259 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 127).

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Rejected:

Udall of New Mexico (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to strike the provision that authorizes \$10 million annually for three fiscal years for a program to identify, test, and develop improved techniques for mining uranium and for environmentally restoring uranium-mine sites (by a recorded vote of 204 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 124);

**Pages H2399–H2401, H2413–14**

Grijalva amendment (No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to strike the section which requires the Secretary of the Interior to suspend the collection of royalty payments to the Treasury for offshore oil and gas production on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico (by a recorded vote of 203 yeas to 227 noes, Roll No. 128);

**Pages H2416–18, H2435–36**

Capps motion to strike section 1502 regarding MTBE (by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 129);

**Pages H2418–27, H2436–37**

Hastings of Florida amendment (No. 29 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to expand the definition of environmental justice, direct each Federal Agency to establish an office of environmental justice, and reestablish the interagency Federal Working Group on Environmental Justice (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 130); and

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Castle amendment (No. 30 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to strike a provision that specifies the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, instead of state and local agencies, has the authority to approve the construction, expansion, or operation of any facility that imports or processes natural gas including liquefied natural gas (agreed to extend time for debate) (by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 131).

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Agreed that in the engrossment of the bill, the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House. **Pages H2452**

H. Res. 219, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to yesterday, April 20.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, April 25, and further, that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26 for Morning Hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 27.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2413–14, H2414, H2414–15, H2435, H2435–36, H2436–37, H2437, H2437–38, and H2449–50. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing to review Implementation of the Secure Rural Schools Act of 2000: A Continuing Commitment to Rural Education and Sustainable Forestry. Testimony was heard from Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

### SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Department of State held

a hearing on International Organizations. Testimony was heard from Kim R. Holmes, Assistant Secretary, International Organization Affairs, Department of State.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on Early Childhood Education: Improvement Through Integration. Testimony was heard from Marsha Moore, Commissioner, Department of Early Care and Learning, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

### SARBANES-OXLEY IMPACT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled “The Impact of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.” Testimony was heard from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, SEC; and a public witness.

### OMB MANAGEMENT WATCH LIST

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled “OMB Management Watch List: \$65 Billion Reasons to Ensure the Federal Government is Effectively Managing Information Technology Investments.” Testimony was heard from Karen Evans, Administrator, Electronic Government and Information Technology, OMB; David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO; Dan Matthews, Chief Information Officer, Department of Transportation; Robert McFarland, Assistant Secretary, Information Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; Rosita Parkes, Chief Information Officer, Department of Energy, and Lisa Schlosser, Chief Information Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### FASTER AND SMARTER FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1544, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2005.

### COMMITTEE FUNDING RESOLUTION

*Committee on House Administration:* Ordered reported H. Res. 224, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Ninth Congress.

### ARAB WORLD—POLITICAL LIBERALIZATION

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Redefining Boundaries: Political Liberalization in the Arab World. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.